

Boston, Sept. 28, 1849.

To the Financial Committee of the Liberator:

99 Dear Friends — As you have had no meeting, as a Committee, respecting the financial condition of the Liberator, since the present year commenced, (none having been needed,) and may not be aware how the accounts stand at the present time, I find it necessary to state that, during the present quarter ending on Sunday next, (always the most barren of receipts of the whole four,) the whole amount received by the General Agent has only been sufficient to cover the expenses of the paper, exclusive of my own salary for three months, of which I have received but \$32<sup>00</sup> — leaving a balance due of \$268, reckoning in the usual manner, which sum I am owing for rent, fuel, groceries, medical attendance, clothing, &c. &c., and must look in the face the first of the week, with an empty purse and pocket. Beyond what the Liberator affords, I have no claim upon any human being for aid to the amount of a farthing; yet it is as difficult for me to support my family without means, as it was for the ancient Israelites to make bricks without straw. My public position is such that I am specially anxious to maintain my credit for pecuniary punctuality in meeting my quarterly obligations, not having any credit with the public at large for my anti-slavery labors. The next quarter is sure to be more productive, and I trust will show the receipts

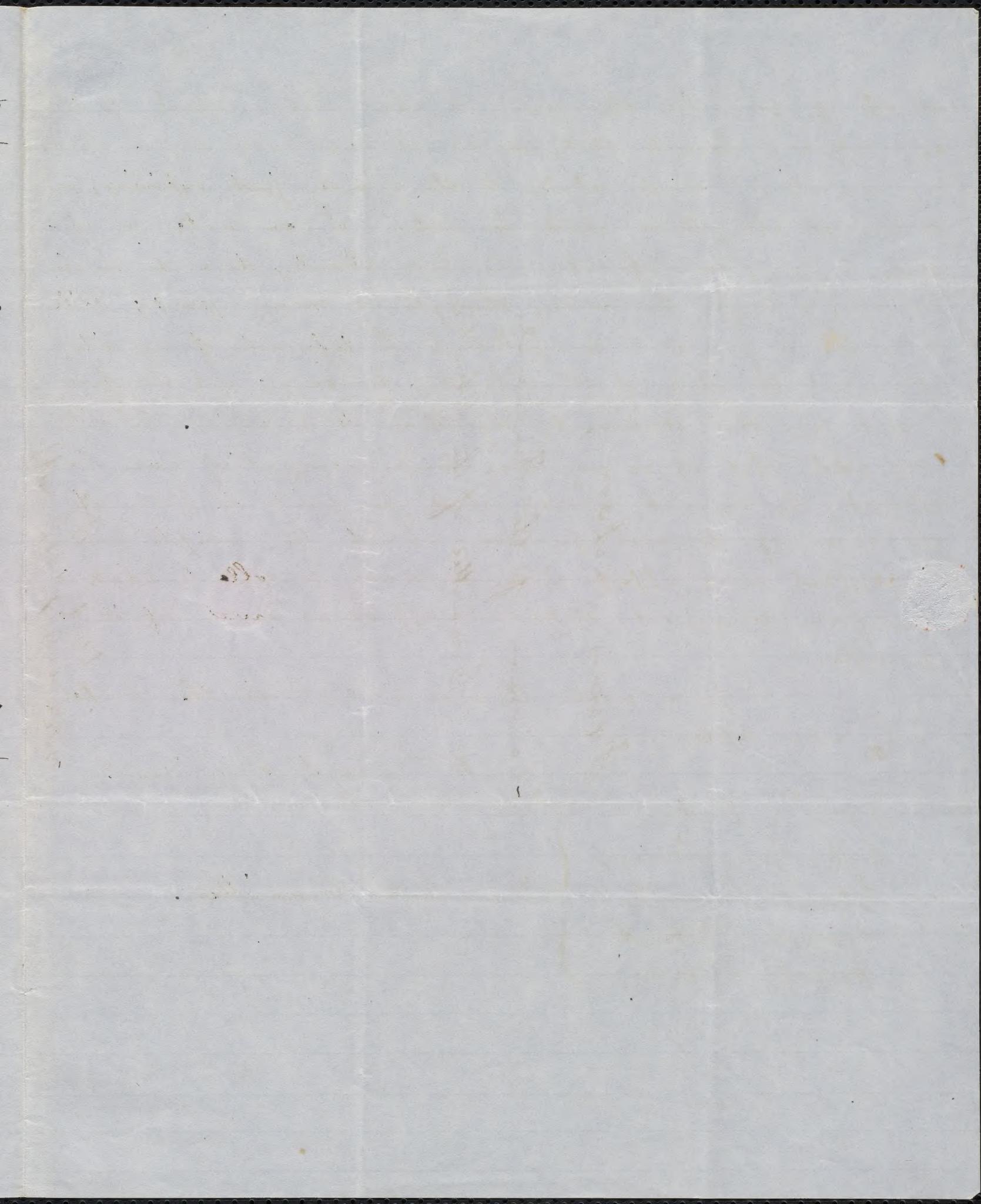
of the paper, for the year, to have been equal to the expenditures; beyond that, we cannot reasonably hope. But my anxiety of mind relates to the quarter just expiring, as to how its obligations shall be met. I can make no appeal to you, dear friends, who have already done so much for me, and for the cause, through so many years; still it is due to you as a Committee to be informed of my situation, and the state of the Liberator treasury; and therefore I send you this statement, regretting its necessity. I will only add, that if in any way temporary relief can be devised, the amount raised shall be paid in full at the close of the next quarter, should the receipts warrant, (and every effort shall be made to collect what is due from delinquent subscribers,) or as much of it as possible.

Yours, while there is a shot in the locker,  
and ever after,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Francis Jackson,  
Collis Gray Loring,  
Edmund Quincy,  
Samuel Philbrick,  
Wendell Phillips,

} Financial Committee.



Francis Jackson,  
Chairman of the Financial  
Committee of the Liberator.

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